GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3169
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Construction of Barrages on Mahanadi River
Singh Deo Shri Kalikesh Narayan

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that certain barrages are being planned by Chhattisgarh on river Mahanadi, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether a detailed study has been conducted to assess the impact of available water in river Mahanadi in Odisha after their construction, if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the view of Odisha have been ascertained before approving these barrages, if not, the reasons therefor; and
(d) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of concerned States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) Central Water Commission under Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation carries out techno-economic appraisal of major and medium irrigation projects (Command Area more than 2000 hectare) which are planned on Inter-State river / river basins. There are two major projects in Chhattisgarh portion of Mahanadi basin at appraisal stage in CWC, out of which one project viz. Arpa Bhaisajhar Project is a Barrage project.

(b) No specific study to assess the impact on available water in river Mahanadi in Odisha after construction of projects in upstream has been carried out.

(c) DPR of Arpa Bhaisajhar Project was sent by Government of Chhattisgarh to Government of Odisha vide letter dated 28.7.2015. Government of Odisha sent their views to Government of Chhattisgarh vide their letter dated 26.4.2016. The DPR of Arpa Bhaisajhar Project is under appraisal in CWC.

(d) An Inter-State Meeting was held on 29.07.2016 under the Chairmanship of Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation to consider the various water resources issues/projects in Mahanadi Basin.

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